House No. 4179

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to An Act Validating The Acts And Proceedings Of The 2009 Spring Annual Town Meeting And 2009 Spring Special Town Meeting Of The Town Of Westminster.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating The Acts And Proceedings Of The 2009 Spring Annual Town Meeting And 2009 Spring Special Town Meeting Of The Town Of Westminster."

Senator Flanagan, Representative Evangelidis, and the Westminster Board of Selectmen have asked that this legislation be filed to validate the Westminster 2009 spring annual town meeting and special town meeting, which were held on May 2, 2009. Absent this legislation, the town faces the risk of legal challenges to its governance and many actions taken pursuant to the meetings, including certain fiscal matters.

To enable the town to proceed in accordance with its votes and to save the town the cost of a special meeting, I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

DEVAL L. PATRICK,

Governor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act Validating The Acts And Proceedings Of The 2009 Spring Annual Town

Meeting And 2009 Spring Special Town Meeting Of The Town Of Westminster.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority

of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 39 of the General Laws or any other

general or special law or town By-law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the town

of Westminster at its spring 2009 annual town meeting and 2009 spring special town meeting on

May 2, 2009, and all actions taken pursuat thereto, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed

to the same extent as if the warrants for those town meetings had been posted and published in

full compliance with the law and town By-law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.